



THE CHIMES

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From the Pastor

August 2011

Those of you who know that my beloved husband, Wally, died last month will not be surprised to know that I find myself in the midst of difficult days. Anyone who has ever lost a much loved husband or wife knows what it is like to wander through the days, reminding yourself to breathe and keeping yourself together because you know you have to. These are not easy days, but I am deeply moved to find that they are, indeed, days of strong faith and trust in God. I am not surprised at this, merely immensely assured that God is with me and all of us who loved Wally without bounds.

As I thought about what to write for this month's newsletter, I kept coming back to the book I always recommend to those who are grieving the loss of a spouse: *A Grief Observed*, by C. S. Lewis. I have read this book many times, but never before as a widow. I am gratified to know that it stands up to the reality I now face.

C.S. Lewis is my favorite Christian author. His works transcend every other work I have read. He has an amazing insight into the human condition and the ways in which we are lifted up by the God who loves and saves us. Lewis' step-son, Douglas Gresham, writes of this book:

A Grief Observed is not an ordinary book. In a sense it is not a book at all; it is, rather, the passionate result of a brave man turning to face his agony and examine it in order that he might further understand what is required of us in living this life in which we have to expect the pain and sorrow of the loss of those whom we love.

In those deceptively simple words we are introduced to a magnificent and masterly walk through Lewis' grief upon the death of his wife, Joy. In his own words, Lewis holds up the mirror of his experience and invites us to try to understand what he is trying to teach. Although I am not yet finished with this reading of the book, I am already far enough into its pages to know that it is providing comfort, hope and the knowledge that my own experience is not unusual or in any way abnormal. When everything else seems to be topsy-turvy, it is important to know this.

As days pass, I am anticipating many adjustments in the way I am experiencing Wally's death. Thank you for being willing to go with me along the way. You are welcome companions.

Sandra M. Reed

*Thank
You*

Thanks Is Not Enough

We would like to offer our gratitude for all the love and support you have shown to me and my family during these hard days following the death of my husband, Wally. Everything you have done has meant so much to us. We will never forget you many kindnesses and the gifts with which you showered us. For the cards, the gifts, the phone calls, the visits, the flowers, the wonderful celebration of his life and the beautiful reception afterward we all say a very grateful thanks to all. May God bless you for your kindness.

Mary, Sandra, Ellen, Melissa
and the rest of the Reed Clan

*With
Sympathy*

Condolences to the families of Owen
Craighead, Sr. and Wallace S. Reed

Organ Dedication

Please plan to join us for the dedication of our new digital organ, which is given to the church in loving memory of Ronnie MacQuinn by his wife, Barbara (Binky). The dedication will be on Saturday, August 13 at 11:00 AM. It will be a joyful occasion!

Bar Harbor Food Pantry

Last month, the Bar Harbor Food Pantry served 113 families representing 263 people. Any individual or family needing our service is welcome to stop in during our regular hours, which are the first 3 Tuesdays of each month from 9-12, and the following 3 Thursdays from 4-6. Or, give us a call at 288-3375.

Our food needs right now are canned soups, side dishes (pasta dishes, stuffing, etc...) and peanut butter. If you have interest in volunteering to help further our success, please write us at bhpantry@gmail.com, or call 288-2000.

We also operate 'Serendipity', a clothing resale shop in Hulls Cove where 100% of the profits support the pantry. Please visit the shop for some great deals on summer clothing! The website for the pantry is <http://www.barharborfoodpantry.org>, Serendipity's website is <http://www.serendipityshop.org>.

Our Fifty Year

Members

July 17, 2011

We are blessed by their dedication and example, and we are most proud that they are the foundation of our church family.

December 29, 1929	Beatrice Louise Hodgkins Horner	81 years
April 16, 1933	Dorothy Mitchell White	78 years
March 28, 1937	Kathryn Etter Brown	74 years
March 28, 1937	Marilyne Barnes Marino	74 years
March 28 1937	Mary Hodgkins Paquet	74 years
April 17, 1938	Esther Hodgkins Collier Testa	73 years
April 17, 1938	Mary MacLeod Cunningham	73 years
April 9, 1939	Pauline Dowling Wright	72 years
March 24, 1940	James Campbell MacLeod	71 years
April 13, 1941	Marianne Simpson Barnicle	70 years
April 13, 1941	Barbara Strout Adler	70 years
April 13, 1941	Richard Stoddard Libby	70 years
April 9, 1944	Henry Winfield Brown	67 years
April 1, 1945	Jean MacLeod Willis	66 years
April 4, 1947	Jean Hopkins Kief	64 years
March 21, 1948	Florence Harriman Ames	63 years
April 14, 1949	Donald E. Dyer, Jr.	62 years
December 2, 1951	Gertrude Kidder Riddell	60 years
April 10, 1952	Mary Keene Brown	59 years
April 7, 1955	Judy Moon Burns	56 years
March 29, 1956	Donald E. Hobbs	55 years
March 29, 1956	Martha F. Hobbs	55 years
March 29, 1956	Norma Wilbur Spurling	55 years
December 22, 1957	Erwin S. Soule	54 years
December 22, 1957	Gloria J. Soule	54 years
April 3, 1958	Dorothy A. Robins	53 years
April 3, 1958	Constance C. Shea	53 years
March 26, 1959	Lucille J. Campbell	52 years
March 30, 1961	Deborah M. Dyer	50 years
March 30, 1961	Raymond Turner	50 years
April 16, 1961	Richard Fox	50 years

WANTED...SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR 2011-2012



GOD'S GARDEN CLUB

It's hard to believe that we are about halfway through the summer and Sunday School will be starting before we know it. As always we are seeking folks to teach during the year. Our Sunday School Year is divided into three sessions, which are about 10 or 11 weeks. Usually there are at least two Family Sundays during the session which are non-teaching Sundays. We are looking for people to teach at the following grade levels:

Pre-K thru grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 6
Grade 7 & 8
High School

So if you would like to be a part in creating a vital Sunday School Program, please contact Kathy Woodside, Doug McMinimy, Laurie Riddell, Kim Craighead, Betty Bryer, Sue Kropff, or Pastor Sandra Reed.

Yours in Christ
Kathy Woodside
Christian Education Board
Chairperson

Please don't rule yourself out

P.S. Please don't rule yourself out. We are flexible. If you are unable to teach for a full session perhaps we can find someone who will be willing to split the session with you. Or if you would be more comfortable in a co-teaching situation, we might be able to find someone else who feels the same way and would be willing to teach with you.

God's Garden Club is in full swing for the summer! For those of you who don't know, during the summer we offer an alternative to our regular Sunday School Program. It's a little bit like Vacation Bible School in a one day! Volunteers, usually folks other than our regular Sunday School teacher pick a topic and do an activity with all the kids who are at church on a given Sunday. It's really neat because our kids get to know folks in our congregation in a new way. Topics vary greatly; this summer we have had the following activities:

- † Geranium planting with the help of Sandy Boyce
- † Deb Wade making insect houses using clay pots, dryer lint and corks
- † Mimi Dickson helping to assemble Church World Service kits
- † Paula Moody and Deb Hammond talking about the importance of blankets + a Blanket Sunday presentation
- † David Painter discussing Divinity a.k.a. dousing

In August we have plans for a visit to the Bar Harbor Food Pantry and possibly a session on Praying In Color. It sounds like loads of fun doesn't it?

We still have openings in August if you would like to share an interest, or talent. The kids love the informality and the chance to learn or do something new. So if you would like to be a part of this fun and interesting program, please contact Kathy MacCulloch @ 288-4272 or kathymacculloch@gmail.com.

Kathy Woodside
C.E. Chairperson

HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!



action★packed faith★

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

August



- 1 Julia Link
- 1 Nancy Pelletier
- 1 Hunter Riddell
- 3 Gabrielle Link
- 5 Jefferson Hobbs
- 5 Avary Bryer
- 5 Callahan Bryer
- 6 Sylvia Webber
- 7 David Woodside
- 10 Rebecca Bryer
- 12 Donna Beals
- 12 Barbara Richardson
- 13 Gerard Haraden
- 17 Al Simons
- 17 Ponzi Reed
- 19 Marion Dyer
- 19 Jack Pelletier
- 20 Kristi Garland Hatrick
- 22 Lynn O'Neil
- 24 Derry Roopenian
- 27 Kendra Logan Bryer
- 27 Amy Riddell
- 27 Penny Frost
- 27 Gail Preston
- 27 Jennifer Booher
- 28 Billie Mitchell
- 29 Norman Moulton
- 30 Laurie Wellman



Sunday Worship Contributors

Head Deacon – May Vinette
Assistant Deacon – David Lind

Liturgists-

- 7:
- 14: Doug Lee
- 21:
- 28: Doug McMinimy

Flowers –

- 7: Charles and Patty Benore
- 14: Mr. and Mrs. Norm Moulton
- 21: Mrs. Ronald MacQuinn
- 28: Ruth Rossi

Coffee Hosts -

- 7:
- 14: Blueberry Festival
- 21:
- 28:

Home Bible Readings

- 7 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33
- 14 Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28
- 21 Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
- 28 Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

August

	1 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band Concert - rain location: 8:00 PM</i>	2	3	4 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band Concert - rain location: 8:00 PM</i>	5	6
7 Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am	8 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band Concert - rain location: 8:00 PM</i>	9	10	11 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band Concert - rain location: 8:00 PM</i>	12	13 <i>New Organ Dedication Concert – 11:00 AM</i>
14 Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am	15 <i>Bar Harbor Town Band Concert - rain location: 8:00 PM</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship and God's Garden Club 10:00 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 10:00 am Family Sunday	29	30	31			

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God's Love for us

How beautiful God's Love for us
So broad, so deep, so clear;
A gift that's rich and personal,
A joy that's always near.

Garden of the Soul



There is a *Garden of the Soul*,
Where God plants loving seeds
That faith and grace will nourish
Into blooms of loving deeds.

Within this *Garden of the Soul*
Fruits of the Spirit grow;
And they produce new seeds of love
Which you and I can sow.

Above: Peggy Ferrell,
Prayers and Poems

The Right Road

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will
end.
Nor do I really know myself, and the
fact that I think that I am
following your will does not mean that I
am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please
you does, in fact, please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that
I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will
lead me by the right road, though I may
know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always,
though I may seem to be lost and in the
shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with
me, and you will never leave me to
face my perils alone.

—Thomas Merton